

Please add claims 46-52 as follows:

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--46. A system according to Claim 36, wherein a free end of the protrusion is formed into a spherical shape.

47. An exposure apparatus, comprising:
a substrate attracting and holding system as recited in Claim 36; and

exposure means for transferring, by exposure, a pattern of an original to a substrate as attracted and held by said substrate attracting and holding system.

48. An exposure apparatus, comprising:
a substrate attracting and holding system as recited in Claim 43; and

exposure means for transferring, by exposure, a pattern of an original to a substrate as attracted and held by said substrate attracting and holding system.

49. An exposure apparatus, comprising:
a substrate attracting and holding system as recited in Claim 46; and

exposure means for transferring, by exposure, a pattern of an original to a substrate as attracted and held by said substrate attracting and holding system.